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FIRST ELINT EVIDENCE OF SCAN ODD RADAR IN
CUBAN AREA

ON 1 MAY 1962 A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION IN THE CUBAN AREA INTERCEPTED SIGNALS FROM THE SOVIET AIRBORNE INTERCEPT RADAR, SCAN ODD. THIS CONSTITUTES THE FIRST ELINT EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF ANY SOVIET AIRBORNE INTERCEPT RADAR IN THE CUBAN AREA. THE SIGNAL DISPLAYED NORMAL PARAMETERS OF 2125 PPS AND AN 8-BAR RASTER SCAN. AT THE TIME OF THE INTERCEPT THE MISSION AIRCRAFT WAS ON AN EASTWARD COURSE ABOUT 40 NM SOUTH OF THE WESTERNMOST TIP OF CUBA. THE BEARING OF THE INTERCEPT IS UNKNOWN DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SIGNAL WAS IN THE BACKGROUND OF ANOTHER SIGNAL ON WHICH BEARINGS WERE BEING TAKEN. THE RADAR WAS IN THE SEARCH MODE AND IT DID NOT APPEAR TO FOLLOW THE MISSION AIRCRAFT. THE INTERCEPT OF SCAN ODD SIGNALS HAS BEEN ANTICIPATED FOR SOME TIME BECAUSE OF THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF BOTH MIG 17 AND MIG 19 AIRCRAFT IN THE CUBAN AREA. SCP-3
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